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SUBJECT: INCIDENT IN SOUTH CORRIDOR

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(C) USBERLIN 35; (D) USBERLIN 548;

(E) USBERLIN 636; (F) USBERLIN 718;

(G) STATE 74987

1. SUMMARY: AGREED ALLIED PROTEST STATEMENT ON MAY 5

NEAR-MISS INCIDENT IN SOUTH CORRIDOR DELIVERED MAY 7

SIMULTANEOUSLY VIA BASC AND POLITICAL CHANNELS. AT

ROUGHLY SAME TIME PROTEST STATEMENT WAS BEING

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MADE, BRITISH AIRCRAFT HAD DANGEROUS ENCOUNTER WITH

TWIN-ENGINE SOVIET FIGHTER IN CENTER CORRIDOR. WE
STRESSED OUR EXPECTATION THAT APPROPRIATE STEPS WOULD
BE TAKEN BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES TO PREVENT RECURRENCES.
SINCE WE HAVE NOW HAD FOUR SUCH INCIDENTS IN RECENT
PAST, WE RECOMMEND AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND CONSIDER RAISING
SOVIET VIOLATIONS OF CORRIDOR FLIGHT RULES DURING MAY 12 LUNCHEON
WITH
ABRASIMOV. END SUMMARY.

2. INCIDENT REPORTED REF A WAS THIRD DANGEROUS OCCURRENCE
IN SAME GENERAL AREA OF SOUTH CORRIDOR SINCE DECEMBER
(REFS B-F). MAY 5 INCIDENT ESPECIALLY DANGEROUS BE-
CAUSE OF ATTITUDE AND VERY HIGH RATE OF SPEED AT
WHICH TWO AIRCRAFT CONVERGED.

3. AT 1545 MAY 6, SOVIET DUTY KAW;QWK,R/W6*B:\$P
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6 SHORTLY AFTER ALLIED STATEMENT DELIVERED, BRITISH REPORTED DANGEROUS INCIDENT IN CENTER CORRIDOR 60 NAUTICAL MILES WEST OF BERLIN. AT 1040 (LOCAL) TWIN-JET SWEEP WING AIRCRAFT WITH RED STAR ON FUSELAGE FLEW ALONG RIGHT SIDE INBOUND BRITISH MILITARY TRANSPORT, CUT TO LEFT, AND PASSED 50 YARDS AHEAD OF TRANSPORT. SOVIET DUTY CONTROLLER WAS INFORMED AND ASKED TO INVESTIGATE ASAP.

7 COMMENT: COUNTING BRITISH INCIDENT MAY 7 WE HAVE FOUR DANGEROUS INCIDENTS IN CORRIDORS SINCE DECEMBER, LAST TWO AND MOST FLAGRANT IN PAST WEEK. EACH INCIDENT REPRESENTED VIOLATION OF QUADRIPARTITE FLIGHT RULES. WE BELIEVE AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND MAY WISH TO CONSIDER RAISING CONDUCT OF SOVIET AIR FORCE IN AIR CORRIDORS WITH AMBASSADOR
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ABRASIMOV DURING MAY 12 LUNCHEON, ACKNOWLEDGING SOVIETS HAVE NOT NECESSARILY HAD TIME TO RESPOND TO LOWER-LEVEL PROTESTS MADE MAY 7 BUT THAT LUNCH WAS CONVENIENT TIME TO RAISE WHAT IS SERIOUS ISSUE FOR ALLIES. (US POLAD MENTIONED MAY 5 AND MAY 7 INCIDENTS BRIEFLY TO SOVIET COUNSELOR KHOTULEV AT CZECH RECEPTION MAY 7, NOTING ONLY THAT WE WERE MUCH CONCERNED WITH DANGEROUS SITUATION AND WOULD HAVE MORE TO SAY ON MATTER).

8. AMBASSADOR COULD REFER TO SOVIET BASIC RESPONSE IN REGARD TO DEC. 23 INCIDENT WHEN SOVIET CHIEF CONTROLLER SAID QUOTE MY COMMAND IS ALSO INTERESTED IN MAINTAINING THE FLIGHT SAFETY OF ALL AIRCRAFT OVER GDR TERRITORY AND WILL TAKE CORRESPONDING MEASURES TO AVOID DANGEROUS APPROACHES OF AIRCRAFT IN THE BCZ AND AIR CORRIDORS UNQUOTE. HE COULD POINT OUT THAT WE HOPE SOVIET STATEMENT REMAINS AN EARNEST OF FUTURE SOVIET INTENTIONS CONCERNING SAFETY OF FLIGHT IN CORRIDORS, AND EXPRESS DISMAY THAT TWO DANGEROUS INCIDENTS, WHICH IN US WOULD HAVE LED TO EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATIONS BY FAA AS NEAR-MISSES, COULD HAVE OCCURRED DURING SPACE OF THREE DAYS. HE MIGHT SUGGEST THAT ENTIRE PURPOSE OF BASIC IS TO ENSURE FLIGHT SAFETY, THAT SOVIETS ARE INFORMED THROUGH BASIC OF WHEREABOUTS OF AIRCRAFT, AND THAT SYSTEM

SERVES LITTLE PURPOSE IF SOVIET AIRCRAFT NEVERTHELESS APPROACH ALLIED AIRCRAFT SO CLOSELY AND AT SUCH HIGH SPEEDS.

9. SHOULD ABRASIMOV CHOOSE TO RESURFACE DROPPED CAMERA INCIDENT (REF G AND PREVIOUS), WE COULD NOTE THAT IN OUR STATEMENT ON INCIDENT WE UNDERTOOK TO EXERCISE EVERY CAUTION TO ENSURE THAT THERE ARE

NO OCCURRENCE CONTRARY TO ANY PROVISION OF THE QUADRIPARTITELY
-AGREED PROCEDURES AND THAT WE SHOULD EXPECT SOVIETS TO DO
SAME.

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